



**TOWN OF BELMONT
WARRANT FOR
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2017
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables in said County:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Belmont, qualified as the law requires to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Chenery Middle School Auditorium on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017, at 7:00 P.M.**, and to notify and warn the Town Meeting Members to meet and act at said time and place on the following Articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1:

REPORTS

To hear the report of the Selectmen and other Town Officers. To hear the report of any Committee heretofore appointed and to act thereon.

This article allows the Board of Selectmen and other town officers, boards and committees to report orally to the Town Meeting on appropriate matters not otherwise appearing on the Warrant. This article stays "on the table" throughout the Special Town Meeting to allow town officials and committees to report when necessary.

Majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 2:

**AMENDMENT TO GENERAL BYLAWS
REVOLVING FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 50_ of the General Bylaws by retitling said Chapter "Town Administration," by placing Section 50-100 into a new Article 1 of said Chapter 50, to be titled "Position Classification Plan," and by establishing and authorizing revolving funds for use by certain Town departments, boards, committees, agencies, or officers under MGL c. 44, §53E½ in Fiscal Year 2019 and subsequent fiscal years by inserting a new Article 2 into Chapter 50, to be effective on July 1, 2018, as follows:

ARTICLE 2 : REVOLVING FUNDS

§ 50-200. Purpose.

This Article establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by specified Town departments, boards, committees, agencies, or officers in connection with the operation of programs, or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by MGL c. 44, §53E½

§ 50-205. Expenditure Limitations.

The specified department or agency head, board, committee, or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this Article without appropriation subject to the following limitations:

- A. Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund.
- B. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.
- C. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by Town Meeting on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, or any increased amount of that authorization that is later approved during that fiscal year by the Board of Selectmen and Warrant Committee.

§ 50-210. Interest.

Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this Article shall be credited to the General Fund.

§ 50-215. Procedures and Reports.

Except as provided in MGL c. 44, §53E½ and this Bylaw, the laws, , Bylaws rules, regulations, policies, or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of town monies and the expenditure and payment of town funds shall apply to the use of a revolving fund established and authorized by this Article. The Town Accountant shall include a statement on the collections credited to each fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to the fund and the balance available for expenditure in the regular report the Town Accountant provides the department, board, committee, agency, or officer on appropriations made for its use.

§ 50-220. Authorized Revolving Funds.

- A. Senior Programs Fund: funds derived from Council on Aging course and program fees, charges or other receipts to be expended by the Council on Aging to fund courses and programs for Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years.
- B. Art Gallery Fund: funds derived from commissions on art sales, to be expended by the Belmont Cultural Council for gallery exhibits and event expenses, including administrative costs and part-time wages, for Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years.

- C. Rock Meadow Restoration and Maintenance Fund: funds derived from rental fees from garden plots, to be expended by the Conservation Commission for costs associated with the restoration and maintenance of the Rock Meadow conservation area, including part-time wages, for Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years.
- D. Library Lost Book and Copying Fund: funds derived from lost book fees and fees for printing and copying, to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees for the replacement of lost books and for copier and printer supplies and maintenance for Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years.
- E. Stormwater Improvement Fund: funds derived from payments made in lieu of on-site stormwater facilities, under the Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Bylaw, to be expended by the Director of the Office of Community Development for design, construction, and maintenance of public or shared stormwater facilities, for Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years.
- F. Martin Luther King Day Breakfast Fund: funds derived from ticket sales for the annual Martin Luther King Day Breakfast, to be expended by the Human Rights Commission for event expenses for Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years.
- G. Non-School Property Maintenance Fund: funds derived from the rental of Town properties not under the control of the School Department, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the maintenance and repair of such properties.
- H. Stormwater Consulting Fund: funds derived from consultant fees paid by applicants for stormwater permits, to be expended by the Director of the Office of Community Development for peer review consultant services for Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years.

or in any way act thereon.

This article is needed to comply with recent amendments to M.G.L. c.44, § 53E½, requiring that beginning in FY2019, revolving funds “be established pursuant to this section by by-law or ordinance.” The proposed bylaw also includes a new revolving fund for the maintenance and repair of non-school properties. All other funds listed are consistent with those authorized at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting. The Town needs to have this Bylaw in place, and approved by the Attorney General’s office, prior to FY2019.

The Board of Selectmen and Warrant Committee will report on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 3: APPROPRIATION FOR MODULAR CLASSROOMS AT THE BURBANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, transfer or borrow a sufficient sum of money to fund purchase and installation of the Modular Classroom Project including site work and infrastructure to be constructed at the Burbank Elementary School, or in any way act thereon.

This article authorizes the appropriation, transfer or borrowing to cover the cost of purchase and installation of the Modular Classroom Project in the amount of \$2,597,255 necessary to meet student enrollment.

The Board of Selectmen, Warrant Committee and Capital Budget Committee will report on this Article.

Two-thirds vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 4:	APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR SCHEMATIC DESIGN AND AUTHORIZATION OF BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING SHORT TERM OPTION AND POLICE BUILDING SHORT TERM OPTION
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To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to fund a schematic level design of the Department of Public Works (DPW) Building and Police Department Building short term options for renovation to the existing facility locations, including expenses related to said design, said sum to be raised by transfer from the Kendall Insurance Account, and to authorize the Town Moderator to appoint a Building Committee to oversee said design, and to authorize said Building Committee to enter into contracts and take all actions necessary to carry out the schematic level design, or in any way act thereon.

The article seeks to appropriate a sum of money to develop a schematic design for renovation options to the existing Department of Public Works Building and the existing Police Department Building, and in addition, the article seeks to authorize the Town Moderator to appoint a building committee.

Majority vote required for passage.

The Board of Selectmen, Warrant Committee, Capital Budget Committee, and Permanent Building Committee will report on the Article.

ARTICLE 5:	APPROPRIATION OF SCHEMATIC DESIGN AND AUTHORIZATION OF LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE
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To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to fund a schematic level design of the main Library to facilitate fund raising efforts, including expenses related to said design, said sum to be raised by transfer from the Kendall Insurance Account, and to authorize the Town Moderator to appoint a Library Building Committee to oversee said design, and to authorize said Library Building Committee to enter into contracts and take all actions necessary to carry out the schematic level design, or in any way act thereon.

The article seeks to appropriate a sum of money to develop a schematic design for facilitating fundraising efforts to support a new main library and in addition, the article seeks to authorize the Town Moderator to appoint a building committee. In addition to the appropriation requested from the Kendall Insurance Account, the Belmont Library Foundation will contribute an additional \$150,000 to the cost of the schematic level design.

Majority vote required for passage.

The Board of Selectmen, Warrant Committee, Capital Budget Committee, and Permanent Building Committee will report on the Article.

ARTICLE 6:

**CITIZENS' PETITION – AMEND GENERAL
BYLAW REGARDING PLANNING BOARD**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 40 Article 3 ("Boards and Commission Appointed by the Board of Selectmen") and Chapter 40 Article 2 ("Elected Boards, Commissions and Committees") of the Town of Belmont General Bylaws by striking Section **§40-320 ("Planning Board.")** from Article 3 of the Town of Belmont General Bylaws ("Boards and Commissions Appointed by the Board of Selectmen") and inserting a new section, **§40-230 ("Planning Board.")**, in Article 2 of the Town of Belmont General Bylaws ("Elected Boards, Commissions and Committees") as follows:

§40-230 Planning Board.

- A.** The Planning Board established under M.G.L. Ch. 41 § 70., shall consist of five members elected by ballot at the Annual Town Election for a term of three years. At least one member shall be elected in each year. A vacancy on Planning Board occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the Board of Selectmen until the next annual election, at which time, such office shall be filled, by election, for the remainder of the unexpired term. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Section 7.4.1 of the Zoning Bylaw, to appoint one additional associate member to the Planning Board for the purposes set forth therein.
- B.** In the performance of its duties prescribed by law, the Planning Board shall from time to time confer with the Selectmen, the Inspector of Buildings, and any other Town board or committee which the Planning Board determines would be able to provide information or assistance to it.

Submitted by TMMs Paul Roberts (8), Wayne Mesard (3) and Anne Mahon (4)

Summary

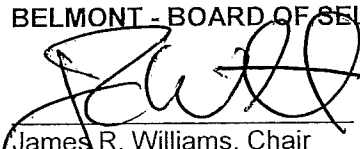
This amendment is offered to permit Belmont voters to choose the individuals who are best qualified and suited to represent their interests as members of the town's Planning Board. This amendment would bring the Planning Board in line with the other major administrative boards in town: Selectmen, School Committee, Board of Assessors, Board of Library Trustees and the Board of Health, members of which are all elected.

The Board of Selectmen and Bylaw Review Committee will report on the Article.




Given under our hands this 16th day of October, 2017.

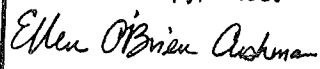
BELMONT - BOARD OF SELECTMEN


James R. Williams, Chair


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Adam Dash, Selectman

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